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2. Floods in Hijaz and Asir. On April 4, torrential rains swept Hijaz and 'Asir provinces. Nejran, Khamis-Mushayt and localities along the mountains running north to Taif were particularly hard hit. Twenty-two bridges and culverts on the Khamis-Mushayt-Abha road were washed away; damage was observed at the Khamis Mushayt airfield and in Nejran. USMTM personnel reported considerable damage throughout the mountains from Taif south. Casualty figures appear to have been lower than first reports indicated. About 20 are confirmed dead and an undetermined number are still missing. Approximately 1,500 persons were reported homeless. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Minister of Defence and Aviation, Prince Sultan, requested USG to provide emergency assistance to Nejran disaster victims. April 5, a USMTM C-54 flew into the area carrying a medical team and emergency rations. A C-130 from Ramstein, Germany followed shortly thereafter carrying additional rations, medicines, blankets and tentage. The crisis passed rapidly as the flood waters receded quickly. Prince Sultan personally expressed deep appreciation to the Ambassador for the prompt US aid. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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7. OPEC: Iranian Foreign Minister Visits Saudi Arabia. In preparation for the April 6 OPEC meeting in Geneva, Iranian Foreign Minister Aram visited Saudi Arabia from April 1-6, and had long talks with both Minister of Petroleum Yamani and Crown Prince Faysal during which he attempted to persuade them to accept latest offer of the companies with regard to increasing royalties and increased revenues for the governments. Both refused, saying that the companies could afford to offer more. Aram departed with the impression, however, that Saudi Arabia would support continuation of negotiations rather than rupture. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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